

South-Central *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

Small Group _____ # 2 _____ (color)

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Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: __6)

Pursue family friendly policies

Priority response #2 (votes: _4_)

Improve high speed transportation connections

Priority response #3 (votes: __3)

Promote new agricultural products and markets

Priority response #4 (votes: __3)

Better trained workforce

Priority response #5 (votes: __3_)

Maintain and improve our K-16 educational system

“Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

“If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

Priority Issue #1 Pursue family friendly policies that address issues such as: day care, elder care, family leave and flex work schedules, 24 hour care care

- Tax credits to employers that provide the service
- Have a more uniform school calendar
- State and local Govt. units serve as model for child and elder care activities
- State pass legislation to extend/Improve provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act
- Subsidize living wage for care facility workers
- Promote telecommuting for business/industry
- Job sharing matching service
- Promote family friendly exchange of best practices among employers
- Make it easier for employers to deal with barriers to establish day care centers
- Use schools for after hours child and elder care
- Year round school concept

Priority Issue #1 Improve high speed transportation connections

- Develop inter-model rail system / team tracks
- High speed rail system
- Promote more direct flights from Madison or Milwaukee to key destinations
- Plan for multi-modal transportation systems
- Promote regional cooperation for transportation
- Increase gas tax, vehicle registration and license fees to fund high speed transportation
- Initiate toll road systems
- Incentives to better use our small regional and local airports